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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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Re: Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food"

To Whom It May Concern:

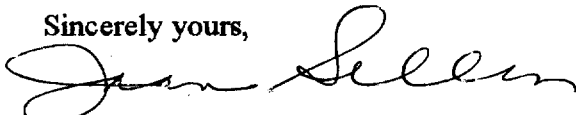
The FDA should retain the current labeling law, the current terminology of "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" and the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated whole foods. Proposed terms such as "cold pasturization" and "electronic pasteurization" are misleading and thus should not be used.

Irradiation is a new technology with no long term human feeding studies. Consumers have a right to know if this process has been used on their food. The label contains important information regarding the processing of the contents.

As to the kind of label used, I believe that the label should be large enough to be readily visible to the consumer, placed on the front of the package. For displayed whole foods such as produce, meats, and bulk spices, a prominent informational display should be used, containing the term "irradiation" and the radura.

I believe that the FDA's labeling requirement should not be permitted to expire.

Sincerely yours,


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